



Appendix 1

Scrutiny Committee – Review Scoping Document

Review Title:	Scrutiny of Partnership Working
Date of Review:	
Purpose of the Review:	
<p>Prevention is a key priority within the WMFS Service Delivery Model and is sometimes referred to as 'upstream firefighting'. The WMFS partnerships strategy should be fully aligned to enable service delivery with a focus on broader community outcomes.</p> <p>This Scrutiny Review is intended to provide a clear picture of the effectiveness of the current partnership approach, identify if there are lessons to be learned from other agencies and sectors, what improvements can be recommended and determine how Fire Authority members can support partnership working.</p>	
Intended Outcomes:	
<p>To Identify</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the strategies, policies and procedures that guide and govern the partnership approach• the sectors and areas where partnerships are developed• the type and level of partnership work being undertaken• lessons from other sectors and examples of good practice that could be adopted by WMFS• the structures and support being provided for partnership working to be effective including the role of Partnerships Officers, Community Risk Reduction Officers (CRROs), and CRRO Youth Leads within the Command Teams• The methods for evaluating the effectiveness of partnership• The effectiveness of the Home Safety Check (HSC) partnership referral systems• Recommendations for improvements to the WMFS Partnerships Strategy	



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Lead Member	
Lead Officer/Officer Group (including partners):	
Links to Strategic Objectives	All Prevention Performance Indicators PI1-8, PI13 and PI14 “Improving Lives to Save Lives” and wider health and wellbeing objectives
Reasons for undertaking the review:	
<p>Standing Order 17 relating to Partnerships has recently been reviewed with a primary focus on policy and governances and as a consequence the Corporate Risk Rating that relates to our partnership engagement has been lowered.</p> <p>In 2013 the command teams were restructured to provide dedicated partnership support in the form of Partnership Officers and Community Risk Reduction Officers.</p> <p>Recently the RAG rating (Red, Amber, and Green) for partnership working has been raised to Amber as the effectiveness of developing, maintaining and evaluating partnerships has been identified as still being problematic.</p> <p>This review will ascertain whether suitable control measures are in place to support effective partnership working across the Brigade</p>	
Scoping undertaken by:	
Chief Officer and/or Partner/Agency Equivalent:	
Existing data available for consideration:	
<p>Partnerships database Local Partnership documentation HSC Workbook and Reports HSC Referral Pathways</p>	
Review Work Programme:	



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Task	Method	Lead person(s)	Completion by:
Review Scoping Checklist		Status	